

NC Family Caregiver Support Program Best Practices

Name of project/activity: Volunteer Recruitment Family Caregiver Program Service Category(ies): Cat II.,III, IV.& V.	
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Description Region K realized early on that volunteers would be needed to assist all the activities that were identified in the Family Caregiver Support Program. To accomplish this we first went to the existing volunteer centers in our region. We found that they were small, had limited resources and not a lot of volunteers available. We then applied to AmericorpsVISTA to assist the volunteer centers who could then ultimately have the capacity to assist caregivers. Our original project grew from 3 to 17 positions assisting volunteer centers, senior centers, health departments, rural planning and economic development. During the last quarter alone, our AmericorpsVISTA Project recruited 292 volunteers, who performed 1314 hours of volunteer service and received \$9,169.92 in donated goods and services and \$66, 770. in monetary grants. AmericorpsVISTA members have collected data to launch our Information and Referral System; have located speakers and others to establish trainings and support groups; have developed systems to match volunteers with caregivers for a variety of services and developed many linkages and networks in the community to assist caregivers.	
Expected Outcome(s) 1. Develop formal system of volunteer recruitment 2. Develop formal system of volunteer request and referral 3. Identify resources for use in training and support 4. Initiate an Information and Referral System in Region K 5. Increase the Caregiver Support Awareness Network to many additional agencies.	
Target population : Caregivers and those who would assist them in Region K	
Community Partners Involved: County Senior Centers, County Health Departments, Piedmont Community College, United Ways, County Cooperative Extension Offices, Harold Sherman Adult day Center, Franklin Vance Warren Opportunity Inc.	
Funding Sources and other support: Corporation for National Service, Local partners	